

Thursday

Hi Vicki and Jim,

How are you two these days? Really fine I hope - just read your last letter and was sort of shocked to see it's been so long - Guess we've been busy or pre-occupied. Dad's been having fun (?) with the County Planning Commission & Building Permit Division - they caught up with us finally and informed us we were deficient in building permits - having two only to remodel the barn - which they said didn't cover making a residence out of a portion of it - So-o



we've been moving in that direction. They sent us a letter saying we had to submit complete drawings etc & of course pay double for all fees since it was "after the fact" - Well, so be it, but the inspector had loads of ideas that have to be added - such as more insulation under the floor & around the perimeter building a wall around the furnace so it won't "waste" energy & ripping out the utility ^{room} window because it opens into an area where machinery may be running - Carbon monoxide - Also I think he will make us close up the lower window in the front upstairs ~~bedroom~~ ^{bedroom} (same reason) - And the biggest chore - We have to



provide a fire escape from the sleeping area upstairs - through a window - So the only acceptable way was to remove the existing window in the east bedroom - make a sort of escape deck on the roof and put in a larger window - so that's done now anyway - it does make a nicer window over + a view out into the orchard - and a dandy place for grand-children to climb out onto the roof! So eventually we will hope to pass final inspection - Should have applied for the permit before he even touched the upstairs or before that - But he could hardly draw complete plans before working out problems as he came to them - oh well -



Back to your letter - It would be wonderful for you two to move back this way and be around during harvest, etc, but I don't think you're ready for such a change yet - there are too many things and opportunities where you are to think of it yet -

Has Jim gone to Turkey yet? That will be an interesting trip I imagine - you'll have to tell us about it when he returns - And did you get up into Quebec to see the autumn coloring, etc?

We went to Medford over my Columbus Day holiday - Had a beautiful drive - the leaves are getting beautiful - and it was fun seeing them and this new home -



Kevin is walking quite a bit

now and trying to talk - Sure is a sweetie - Debbie gave us a 10 month picture - 5x7 - & a wallet size for you, which I'm enclosing - Ken was filling in their back yard & had rented a tractor to work it up while we were there - Has seeded it since - they like Medford quite well & he enjoys his job - Hasn't had to work overly hard yet - Not enough cement to push.

Jerry was out for dinner one evening this week - His union is out on strike - as are other grocery warehousemen & truck drivers pretty well over the state - Hope they get it settled soon -

We're staying home from Sq. Dance class tonight because Dad has a tropic



cold - He didn't catch mine
or Francis' or Jerry's a couple
weeks ago but had to get
his very own!

Hope you can read all my
scribbling - Once I get started
I can't stop -

Write real soon and fill
us in on what's happening -
We love you -

Mom & Dad.